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SUBJECT: PROGRESS IN SEAMEN'S DISPUTE

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1. THE TUC-NATIONAL UNION OF SEAMEN WORKING PARTY WHICH  
MET TODAY (SEPTEMBER 15) HAS REACHED AGREEMENT ON A NEW  
SET OF PROPOSALS WHICH THE SEAMEN WILL PUT BEFORE THE  
SHIPPING EMPLOYERS TOMORROW MORNING.

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2. THE NEW PROPOSALS, ACCORDING TO JIM SLATER, NUS GENERAL SECRETARY, INCLUDE SOME BUT NOT ALL OF THE LIST OF THE FRINGE BENEFITS WHICH THE WORKING PARTY HAS BEEN EXAMINING. ALTHOUGH HE WOULD NOT DIVULGE TO US WHICH OF THESE BENEFITS HAD BEEN AGREED TO, HE -- AND ALSO A TUC SPOKESMAN WITH WHOM WE TALKED -- INSIST THAT THEY ARE WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE PAY GUIDELINES OF THE SOCIAL CONTRACT (SEE REFTTEL).

3. SLATER SAID THAT THE RESULTS OF THE WORKING PARTY DISCUSSIONS PROVIDE "A NEGOTIATING PLATFORM" FOR THE SEAMEN AND, HE BELIEVES' THE "BASIS FOR AN AGREEMENT" WITH THE SHIPPING EMPLOYERS. HE ADDED THAT THE ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED ARE LARGELY THOSE UNIQUE TO THE SHIPPING INDUSTRY. SLATER AND HIS EXECUTIVE WILL MEET TOMORROW MORNING PRIOR TO THE NEGOTIATING SESSION WITH THE EMPLOYERS IN THE AFTERNOON. THE TUC REPRESENTATIVE WITH WHOM WE SPOKE SAID THE TUC WAS "REASONABLY HOPEFUL" THAT A SOLUTION TO THE DISPUTE COULD NOW BE FOUND.

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